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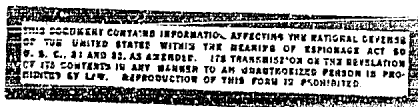
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LAVRENT'YEV APPOINTMENT ENDS HOPES
OF SOVIET WITHDRAWAL FROM RUMANIA

Vienna, 13 July (TT-Reuters) -- The appointment of Anatoliy Lavrent'yev as new Soviet ambassador to Rumania marked the close of a period of hope and wishful thinking on the part of the Rumanian people, according to travelers who arrived in Vienna from Bucharest.

According to these travelers, Lavrent'yev has the reputation of being much more active and positive than his predecessor, Sergey Kavtaradze, who disappeared, it is reported, because of his close friendship with former foreign minister Ana Pauker.

The appointment of Lavrent'yev is believed to indicate that Moscow intends to increase its pressure on Rumania. It had been hoped that the Soviets would withdraw from the country, that the regime would be liberalized, and that Maniu, Tatarescu, and other old political leaders would be liberated and allowed to form a liberal government. Those hopes have been crushed.

The time from the first reports of the fall of Vasile Luca and Ana Pauker up to the appointment of Lavrent'yev was marked by a peculiar tension and unrest, such as has not been observable in the Rumanian capital since the fall of the Antonescu government in 1944. People spoke openly of their hope for freedom, and a number of less doctrinaire Communists, who had hurried to climb aboard the Communist bandwagon when it began to roll, now declared that they had never really been Communists. Rumor had it that Stalin was sick and was ready to withdraw, and that the Soviets, because of the commotion which consequently had arisen in Moscow, planned to withdraw from Rumania.

The causes of these rumors were very vague, the travelers said. Assuredly, there have been great changes in Bucharest recently. All banners with propagandistic slogans have disappeared, as have the giant pictures of the Communist leaders, Stalin included. A number of Soviet technicians in light industry have also disappeared, but the factories in Braila, Galati, and Constanta are still run by Soviet experts. Recently, the government has shown greater tolerance for rumors, etc., but the police machinery is so effective that there can be no talk of any extensive plotting against the government.

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The government has had some trouble with the workers, who very recently have quite clearly shown their dissatisfaction. The travelers do not believe that that dissatisfaction has been smothered as yet. Miners, railroad men, oil men, and canal workers have received promises of improvements, and it is not expected that they will remain calm until those promises have been kept.

The rumors have had a certain effect on the economy. The farmers are more or less sitting tight and waiting watchfully, but refusing to take their produce to the cities in the usual volume. At the same time, a rumor of a new currency reform caused a buying rush which has forced the free-market prices up.

Now, however, the rumors have died down and the tension has been eased. Police measures have contributed to this appreciably. The number of arrests has not been unusually great, but many people previously considered "safe" have been removed from important posts and are believed to have been arrested. One of these is the minister for foreign commerce, Gogu Radulescu.

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